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first learn respect for leadership and the value of courage, honor and pluck. It is on the playground that the first lessons of democracy are taught. In those games in which the individual contests for his school among his mates he acquires standards which are the best possible training for future citizenship. Parents who turn their children out to play without interest or knowledge of what diversions they seek are neglecting their duty and missing an opportunity to turn a natural instinct to the greatest advantage. Through this channel it is possible to cultivate to a high degree those qualities of imagination and character which will prove of inestimable advantage to the growing boy and girl.

This has been recognized to a large extent by the support which has been given to the playground movement throughout the country. It is growing each year and it is the credit of every community which has established playgrounds that it appreciates the benefits which are being given to the future citizens.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

Every controversy which takes place between labor and capital, and every strike which follows such disputes furnish added reasons for the need of legislation which will make arbitration compulsory. This is particularly true when the public is involved as it is when public utilities are concerned and when a strike means the shutting off of necessities of life.

This is disclosed by the recent strike of drivers of milk wagons in the city of Cleveland which means that 300,000 people were deprived of that part of their daily food supply, the importance of which cannot be overestimated in the case of small children. The backing up of their demands by their refusal to see that the wants of the public are supplied can win no sympathy. It is a high handed and unjustified method of inflicting injury upon the innocent and forcing their employers to terms, for the people suffer far more than those against whom the strike is actually directed.

For the railroad brotherhoods to declare a strike at the present time would be a great hardship upon the entire country and in a still greater manner for it would be not solely the milk supply but all the necessities of life which would be blocked. The thought of such a thing is enough to suggest the need of arbitration that such a calamity may be avoided. Compulsory arbitration would put an end to strikes and it is time that reason rather than force should be used in the settlement of such differences.

PRESIDENT ELLIOTT'S REPORT

There cannot help being interest in the report which has just been submitted to the directors of the New Haven road by President Elliott when it shows that during the past fiscal year \$6,140,180 of its floating debt has been paid off and the sum of \$4,352,328 spent for improvements and equipment out of the earnings representing in all about six per cent on the outstanding capital stock.

It is a gratifying outcome of the efforts which are being made by the present management for the rehabilitation of the system, but it is evident that the road is not producing any more of the necessary funds which are required for the improvement of its motive power, the increase of its terminal facilities and the cutting down of its floating debt than it can wisely use. This can be appreciated when it is understood that the road's floating debt is \$45,000,000 and according to President Elliott from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 is a low estimate of what will be required of the New Haven road to turn out a first class article of transportation in New England territory.

Thus while the road is earning practically six per cent on its capital stock it is yet some distance from the declaration of dividends but there is the satisfaction of knowing that it is being administered on the lines of economy and efficiency and that its funds are not being allowed to vanish into thin air. The competency of the present administration of the system cannot be questioned, however, for it is headed in the direction which is bound to produce results.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It isn't always those who are looking for a proper cup of tea who do the most complaining about the hot sunny weather.

The man on the corner says: The best hot weather drink is the one that reaches the stomach.

The interest which the democrats are manifesting in Mr. Hughes' speeches doesn't indicate that they are entirely satisfied with them.

There is something about those Elephant and stories and pictures which makes one satisfied with the climate hereabouts even in August.

It hasn't taken Mr. Hughes long to get a rise out of those on the other side of the fence, and from the replies it is evident that he has struck home.

There is a backward movement along the eastern, western and Italian fronts but it cannot be said it is because the central powers are too proud to fight.

From the time which it has taken to get the troops of Kentucky, Vermont and Ohio ready to go to the border, it is a fortunate thing that they were not needed in a hurry.

Even the criticism which has taken place of the church wrecking in Belgium and France does not seem to check for similar operations in Italy and elsewhere whenever the spirit moves.

No one ever heard a remonstrance when the price of the cup that cheers advances, but no greater howl is ever made than when the milkman finds it necessary to get an additional cent a quart for his product.

If as reported Germany intends hereafter to seize Red Cross supplies for its own use, there is probably furnished one of the best reasons for the refusal of the allies to sanction the sending of such supplies to the war sufferers.

If his own government will not look out for him after the war there is no reason why the British or German soldier should come over here, marry the widow of a Civil War veteran, and draw a pension from Uncle Sam, says the Boston Transcript, but possibly the widow might supply the reason.

DOING HER BEST

"Gloom!" said the man from Wood-lawn as he surveyed his friend from Hyde Park. "Gloom!" he said, and a mile wide surrounds you as a visible aura! Who brought bad news from Greenwich to Aix?"

"I don't know," said the Hyde Park man between his teeth. "Believe me, if I did there wouldn't be enough of him left to sweep up." He said the person who first put efficiency into the dictionary! Look at me! I may not be here tomorrow—the human soul has its breaking point, and I can feel mine coming!"

"The trouble is," he went on, "that Imogene has introduced efficiency into our home. She came to me with tears in her eyes some time ago and sobbed out that she was humiliated to realize how she had been wasting my money which I told her she had to earn, but that she had seen the light and would do better in the future. I was somewhat surprised and so informed her. I told her that I always had been impressed with her ability to bite pennies in two and to make a delicious hash out of a beef bone and two green peppers and had over bet no other woman on earth could accomplish such a feat—legends—but she shook her head and mournfully said I didn't understand."

"It was not alone the grocery bills that she had in mind. Possibly, she said, I did not realize that wandering aimlessly around the city in the things are by one instead of collecting everything one wanted upstairs and taking it there at once were out of a pair of shoes exactly two dollars. I said she should wear out! Maybe it had never been borne in upon me, she continued, that a woman used a broom in sweeping the arm of a chair three times as many waists in a year as though she had employed an electric cleaner. Of course, Imogene hires her cleaner. Of course, Imogene hires her cleaner. Of course, the principle was the same. If it happened that she had to do the cleaning I would have to pay for the waists."

"It was here that I broke in and tried to soothe Imogene. I told her it was extremely nice of her to be concerned, but that the bills were moderate and were not worrying me at all. Her expression of horrified pain brought my own back. I said, however, she said in a hushed voice that if everybody went on that theory the human race would be ruined in no time. We were our mother's slaves and her own example might prove of lasting benefit or a terrible tragedy to any one who looked on. She added that she was going to begin right away putting principles of efficiency to work."

"Well, when I started to dress for a banquet that night in a hurry and jerked open my door to find a dress shirt I grabbed instead my pajamas. The drawer was full to the brim with pajamas, and though I searched frantically I could not find any dress shirts. Everything seemed upset. A camera and opera glasses were where I usually keep handkerchiefs and I found my shoes in the place formerly devoted to collars."

"When Imogene came home from her mother's, where she had gone for dinner, she found my shoes in the place formerly devoted to collars."

"To my wild shouts as to where she had hidden the missing dress shirts, she said that she had been looking for them in the top drawer of the bathroom, where the drawers

OTHER VIEW POINTS

"Americanism" is a word often used these days and certain to be sounded all over the land between now and election day. What does it signify? "Americanism" is good citizenship. Good citizenship has been defined as requiring "implicit obedience to the laws of the land, and the exercise of the rights of citizenship within the scope of its constitutionally power to the orders and decrees of the judiciary. In all matters of which they have jurisdiction, and in the execution of the executive in preserving the peace and enforcing the laws."—New Haven Times-Leader.

It will not be long now before the long looked for rural credit banks are established in all parts of the United States. The newly created Federal Farm Loan act has set on foot the work of permanent organization, and the men appointed to this task are enthusiastic in their endeavors. Farmers who have been sorely in need of money for sons and sons will soon be in a position to derive the benefits of this system of finance. They will be enabled to obtain working capital at reasonable rates.—New Britain Herald.

If something doesn't happen pretty soon, the business of publishing newspapers will soon be to adopt a national term, "sundering under bare poles." There's nothing to be said about the scarcity of news in the country that it exists. All of us face it as an uncompromising condition. As it was said of specie payments that the way to resume, so the only way to save paper is to stop using so much. The great economy wave which has swept over New York, the chief center of the news business, has been bound to extend to the whole country. If your newspaper assumes a tabloid shape and character in the coming days, you may know the simple reason.—New Haven Register.

Every driver who applies for a license to drive an automobile in this state should be given an examination as to his or her ability to drive a car. Furthermore, the test should be so thorough that the applicant would be questioned but that the applicant could handle the car in traffic and extricate himself or herself when in difficulty. The number of cars in this state, the speed at which they are being driven and the recklessness and ignorance of drivers demands that this be done or else there will be an alarming increase in the number of accidents. There are a great many drivers of cars who only have the use of their car a few hours of the week and become what is called "one day" drivers. Some of these persons try to drive as rapidly and as intricately as those who drive every day and as a result of this there are many accidents. Of course not all the danger to other cars and to pedestrians can be blamed upon these unskilled drivers for there are many who are skilled who are a real menace to the road and the streets of Meriden, and other cities in the state.—Meriden Journal.

Deserved discouragement has been given by the city court of Ansonia to carriers of concealed weapons. Where fines would have been merely regarded as payment for the license to conceal homicide fall sentences have operated to bring conviction to hardened offenders and to induce them to desist from a dangerous and baneful practice. There is no reason why in the future there should be any change

and pillowcases formerly were kept! She didn't imagine how I could have missed them, because here it was, all figured out on her efficiency chart, showing that when a man has hopped out of bed, his bed and dressed his drawers, wear his first thought naturally is 'shirt'—and it saved steps to have the shirt right at hand and revealed by a simple twist of the wrist. Everything was now placed in the spot most likely to be at hand when I wanted any thing."

"At that I exploded. I suppose the fact that I had had no dinner helped a little. Would she tell me, I demanded, how she expected to arrange things if I suddenly decided I needed a shave when I was in the library? Was the shaving soap to adorn the toilet of Shakespeare? That would be the only sane efficiency plan. What happened if I was standing next the box of golf balls when I suddenly wanted a boiled egg? Did she know what happened when one bit into a golf ball? Ah! That was it! She was aiming to collect my insurance!"

"Thereupon she sobbed all over the place until I reminded her she was making extra work for the cleaning women and that it was inefficient."

"This morning at breakfast I couldn't have a second cup of coffee because coffee now was measured to the exact drop usually drunk by me, and it would be inefficient to make an extra cup or so for luck, as had been done in the good old slack days—and when I got through speaking my piece Imogene declared it was no use trying to save money or time for a man and believe her she was going downtown and buying the coffee. I said, 'If you found, and it would serve me right—and she'll do it too.'"

"Woodlawn man, 'she's making efficiency pay so far as she's concerned! I hope my wife doesn't hear about it!'"—Chicago News.

In the course of court action in such cases, it is understood there will not be any deviation from the judicious and persistent use of the law, in violating it. The courts that frown upon the practice and sternly punish offenders deserve the thanks of any community and those, which do not, do not. It is extremely important in such cases as those of the associated communities with their large foreign population that this practice be checked as much as possible. There have been many deaths in the past in this section, which have not occurred had there been some effectual deterrent, which would have deprived men, crazed by passion, or blinded by the desire for revenge, of the less we have of the knife and revolver in these communities the better.—Ansonia Sentinel.

THE WAR PRIMER

By National Geographic Society

Balbut, the Turkish city of Asia Minor where the Russians are reported to have captured a significant number of the Turkish army, is the subject of the following war geography bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society from Washington.

"Situated on both banks of the Churuk River, which rises nearby and empties into the Black Sea at Batum, Balbut is a town of 10,000 inhabitants at the beginning of the war. It possesses a considerable number of natural lands in its vicinity and to the fact that the carriage road running from Balbut to Erzerum passes through it, the latter city lying 50 miles in an air line to the southeast and Trebizond about the same distance to the northwest. Surrounding the town is a fertile plateau having an elevation of nearly a mile above the Black Sea which would be almost visible to the eye from the town. The town is a fertile plateau having an elevation of nearly a mile above the Black Sea which would be almost visible to the eye from the town. The town is a fertile plateau having an elevation of nearly a mile above the Black Sea which would be almost visible to the eye from the town."

With practically no industries and only a few small shops, Balbut offers to the traveler a most interesting view of the points of special interest to the traveler. Even the castle which crowns a mass of rocks on the left bank of the Churuk is a crumbling ruin. The relic of days when Armenia and Seljuk ruled this region. But the city is of historic significance as the most westerly point reached by the Russian army under the command of General Ivan Fodorovich Paskevich in the Russo-Turkish war of 1828-29. The capture of Balbut was a brilliant campaign which in some respects parallels the present westward drive of the Russian army upon the Black Sea coast. Balbut was captured by the Russian army in 1828, and the city was a Russian possession until 1916. The capture of Balbut was a brilliant campaign which in some respects parallels the present westward drive of the Russian army upon the Black Sea coast. 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